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TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4066

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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: TBIO, HK
SUBJECT: LAETRILE (AMYGDALIN)

REF: STATE 49069

1. HONG KONG MEDICAL AND HEALTH DEPT (HKMHD) KNOWS AMYGDALIN ONLY THROUGH PHARMACOLOGY TEXTS. TO THE BEST OF HKMHD'S KNOWLEDGE, THE DRUG HAS NEVER BEEN INTRODUCED TO HK. IF AMYGDALIN, WHETHER CALLED BY ITS GENERIC NAME OR A TRADE NAME, WERE PROMOTED HERE AS A "CANCER CURE", HOWEVER, HKMHD WOULD PROHIBIT SALES OF IT UNDER THE "UNDESIRABLE MEDICAL ADVERTISEMENTS ORDINANCE OF 1943".

2. WHILE HKMHD CONTROLS SALES OF CERTAIN POISONS IN HK, IT DOES NOT REGULATE SALES OF DRUGS. HK GOVERNMENT PROPOSED DRUG REGULATORY LEGISLATION IN JULY 1975, BUT HKG'S CONSULTATIONS WITH PHARMACISTS AND PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANIES HAVE THUSFAR DELAYED FINAL ENACTMENT OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE.

3. HKMHD LABORATORIES CAN TEST PURITY AND POTENCY OF DRUGS SOLD HERE, BUT THEY HAVE NO FACILITIES FOR TESTING SAFETY AND/OR EFFICACY OF DRUGS. IF THE PROPOSED DRUG REGULATORY ORDINANCE BECOMES LAW, HKG WOULD RELY HEAVILY ON DEVELOPED COUNTRIES' FINDING REGARDING A DRUG'S SAFETY AND EFFICACY BEFORE PERMITTING TI TO BE SOLD HERE.
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